Foreign Tourists in India

72. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even basic amenities are being denied to the tourists in the country;

(b) whether the minimum requirements of foreign tourists is being considered by various Ministries so as to achieve the ambitious target set by Prime Minister to earn Rs. 1000 crore per annum from this year; and

(c) if so, whether a comprehensive plan is being prepared by the Ministry to achieve this target; if so, what are the details thereof and by when they are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No proposal on the minimum requirements of foregn tourists is under the consideration of the government. As per the estimates maintained by the Department of Tourism the foreign exchange earning from tourism during 1987-88 was Rs. 1890 crores.

(c) Planning for tourism development is a continuous process and the government has taken up many schemes in this regard. This include provision of incentives for attracting private investment in the tourism sector, improvement of infrastructural facilities in tourist centres, construction of low priced accommodation units and wide publicity of tourism resources in India.

Spread of Cholera in Ujjain

73. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cholera cases in Ujjain had taken place in spite of the steps taken in summer this year; if so, what were the reasons therefor, the total number of persons affected and the steps taken to help them thereby; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government and the Madhya Pradesh Government had taken sufficient measures and had provided medicines to check spread of diseases there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) According to the information obtained from the Government of Madhya Pradesh health authorities, no case of cholera has been reported in Ujjain District during 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

Mosquito menace in the country

74. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great mosquito menace in many parts of the country;

(b) whether the National Malaria Eradication Programme has outlived its duration without producing any results;

(c) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has prepared a long term measure to check this mosquito menace in the various parts of the country; and

(d) what new measures Government propose to take to eradicate the mosquito menace and by when these would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) No. The Modified Plan of operation for Malaria is being implemented since April, 1977. Extensive

control measures undertaken have resulted in bringing down incidence of malaria to 1.65 million cases during 1987 against 6 47 million cases in 1976.

(c) and (d) A long term proposal to control mosquitoes, especially diseases carrying mosquitoes through a number of pilot studies based on bio-environmental measures in different parts of the country is being implemented under aegis of ICMR.

The new method is through integrated vector control by utilising the appropriate combination of technology including environmental, biological control methods and use of insecticides based on local conditions.

Development of high speed electric locomotives

75. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have indigenously developed an electric locomotive which would be able to run passenger trains at the maximum speed of 160 kms per hour;

(b) if so, to what extent this maximum speed has been achieved and what is the present maximum speed of the Rajdhani trains; and

(c) what is the extent these new high speed locos developed by RDSO would help in moving the passenger trains more efficiently and quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prototype Electric Locomotive developed indigenously is fit for running passenger trains carrying 9/10 coaches at maximum service speed of 140 kmph. Presently maximum speed of Rajdhani trains consisting of 16/18 coaches is 120 kmph.

(c) Deployment of such locomotives will help in increasing the maximum speed of selected trains.

Railway accident in Bombay

76. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details and the causes of the collision between the Secunderabad-bound Minar Express and Solapur bound Sidheswar Express in Bombay on the night of the 4th July, 198;

(b) what is the number of people killed and injured in the said accident and the relief provided to the killed and injured; the measures taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such accidents and the action taken against the persons responsible for the said accident; and

(c) what are the details of inquiry made by Government into the train mishap and the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) At about 22.15 hrs. on 4-7-1988, 101 Dn. Minar Express stopped between Byculla and Chinchpokli stations due to alarm chain pulling. Meanwhile, 323 Dn. Siddheshwar Express dashed against the rear of 101 Dn. and as a result 3 bogies of 101 Dn. derailed including 2 bogies capsized. The engine of 323 Dn. and bogie next to it also derailed.